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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A user device that can be connected through a network

to a digital information distribution system including a database for storing digital contents

information, an information distribution server for distributing the digital contents information in

the database, and a storage server for storing the digital contents information thus distributed, the

user device comprising:

a communication unit for transmitting an order by a contents user of obtaining the digital

contents information to the information distribution server and an input/output request to the

storage server through the network,

to make the information distribution server attach duplicate-time limit information to

the digital contents information and send the digital contents information with the duplicate-time

limit information to a dedicated storage provided in the storage server and allocated exclusively

for the contents user a user of the user device in accordance with the order[[,]] for storing digital

contents information thus ordered and obtained, and further make the dedicated storage the

storage server hold the digital contents information with the duplicate-time limit information and

input and output the digital contents information in accordance with the duplicate-time limit

information on the basis of the input/output request; and

a memory for storing the digital contents information outputted from and inputted to the

dedicated storage.

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Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The user device according to Claim 11, wherein

when the user terminal transmits an output request included in the input/output request to

the storage sever, the user terminal makes the storage server send the digital information only

when the duplicate-time limit information indicates allowance of a copy to the user terminal.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The user device according to Claim 11, wherein

the duplicate-time limit information is provided for limiting number of copies to the user

terminal.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The user device according to Claim 13, wherein

the number of copies in the duplicate-time limit information decreases along with each

output of the digital information to the user device.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The user device according to Claim 14, wherein

when the user terminal transmits an input request included in the input/output request and

the digital information to the storage sever, the user terminal makes the number of copies in the

duplicate-time limit information increase.